

# **American Bridge 21st Century: Billionaire Uihleins give Ron Johnson another \$280,000 as he defends slashing his & their taxes**

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**Yesterday, while most Americans were filing taxes and hoping to get a modest rebate to help pay for rent or child care costs, Wisconsin Republican U.S. Senator Ron Johnson was [defending](#) the multimillion-dollar tax giveaway he secured for himself and the billionaire megadonors who are continuing to support his 2022 campaign.**

In 2017, Johnson lobbied to change the draft GOP tax bill, [ultimately securing changes](#) that delivered a massive tax break for his wealthy contributors and is now filling his campaign coffers with their donations.

**Now, Johnson's donors are paying him back.** According [to WKOW-TV](#), the **billionaires Dick and Liz Uihlein**, his biggest backers, **"gave Johnson's campaign fund about \$280,000" for his reelection campaign in Q1 2022 — their latest gift to Johnson following the [hundreds of millions](#) that he secured for them back in 2017.**

But Johnson's wealthy patrons aren't the only ultrawealthy individuals invested in Ron Johnson's reelection who now pay less in tax each year due to the 2017 GOP tax law. **Johnson [has himself admitted](#) — and yesterday again defended — the fact that he and his company have benefited from the changes he lobbied for.**

**While Johnson defends the tax breaks he secured for himself and his**

**biggest political patrons, he still hasn't said how much he cut his own taxes — a key question that Wisconsinites deserve an answer to ahead of next November's election.**

**Read and watch yesterday's local coverage on Johnson again defending slashing his own taxes and those of his billionaire backers:**

WKOW-TV: [On tax day, Sen. Johnson defends tax cut that benefitted himself, top donors](#)

WDJT-TV: [Sen. Ron Johnson defends tax cuts that benefited his plastics company](#)

WISC-TV: [Johnson reiterates defense of vote in favor of 2017 tax cuts that benefitted his business](#)